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PREVIOUSLY...

With the members of their race dying out and no new mutants being born, mutantkind was on the brink of extinction. In need of a miracle, the X-Men were elated when one came in the form of Hope—a newborn mutant who held the promise of repopulation. Under attack by those who would see mutantkind extinguished, the X-Men sent the infant into the future with one of their own, Cable, to be raised under his protection and one day return to the present.

Today is that day. Cable and Hope have returned. But the X-Men were not the only ones awaiting them: Bastion, a super-Sentinel from the future hellbent on exterminating all mutants, has rallied anti-mutant forces to kill Hope and seal mutantkind's fate. And seeking to cripple the X-Men's efforts to recover Hope, Bastion's troops ambush their teleporter, Magik, and send her into the alternate dimension of Limbo.

Now, Cannonball has assembled a small team of X-Men to enter Limbo and retrieve Magik. But no sooner have they arrived than they find themselves in over their heads: an endless horde of demons has descended upon them, their teammate Gambit has gone A.W.O.L. and their appearance has been noticed by someone who has sinister plans of his own for the besieged mutants—the archdemon N'Astirh!

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LIMBO. FIVE HOURS AGO.

"DIRECT HIT, SIR."

"NOW WE SEE IF THE WEAPONIZED RITUAL IS WORTH WHAT WE PAID."

"BLOOD OF ELZEBUS... PARCHMENT OF SOULS...

"NO..."

SHHHHHM!!

CHOOOM!!

ILLYANA RASPUTIN--
AKA MAGIK

MMMMMM!!!

HNNN!

NNEAAAARGHHHH!!

AAAAAAAHHHHHH!!

LIMBO. NOW.

SAMUEL GUTHRIE— AKA CANNONBALL

PIXIE! NORTHSTAR! EVAC EVERYONE YOU CAN, NOW!!

PIXIE!!

C'MON, GUTHRIE, C'MON...

...IT'S GOING TO BE BAD. NO MATTER WHAT I SAY TO THE OTHERS, YOU HAVE TO KNOW...WE'RE WALKING INTO SOMETHING BAD.

I KNOW.

I JUST LED MY OWN SQUAD INTO A SUICIDE MISSION AGAINST THE RIGHT ON YOUR ORDERS...KARMA'S LOST HER LEG BECAUSE OF ME...

KARMA LOST HER LEG BECAUSE OF CAMERON HODGE. SHE'S *ALIVE* BECAUSE OF *YOU.*

PUTTING THE PEOPLE WE CARE ABOUT IN HARM'S WAY, THAT'S THE JOB. BRINGING THEM HOME ALIVE IS THE RESPONSIBILITY.

KURT AND ARIEL...

THEY KNEW WHAT THEY SIGNED UP FOR. WE HAVE TO BELIEVE THAT. KURT DIED SAVING HOPE'S LIFE. HE GOT HER THERE. AND THE KURT I KNOW, FACED WITH THE SAME CHOICE...HE'D DO IT AGAIN. BUT WE BOTH KNOW, SAM...THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING.

VICTOR BORKOWSKI--
AKA ILLYANA

"BASTION'S FORCES AREN'T GOING TO STOP.

"THEY'LL COME AFTER HER. THEY'LL COME AFTER ALL OF US."

JEAN-PAUL BEAUBIER--
AKA NORTHSTAR

"MAGIK IS A STRATEGIC ASSET. WE NEED HER BACK. AND IF THAT MEANS PUTTING MORE PEOPLE AT RISK..."

ALISON BLAIRE--
AKA DAZZLER

"...THAT'S WHAT WE DO. THAT'S THE JOB.

"BUT IT'S OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO GET THEM BACK ALIVE.

"AND IF WE FAIL, WE LIVE WITH THE LOSSES FOR THE REST OF OUR LIVES."

MEGAN GWYNN— AKA PIXIE

NNNYYAAA!!

SKKEEEEEEE!!

HOPE ABBOT— AKA TRANCE

AAAAAAH!

WHY DO YOU KEEP SCREAMING?! THEY CAN'T HURT YOU IN YOUR ASTRAL FORM! YOU'RE JUST MAKING ME FREAK OUT EVEN MORE!

I CAN'T HELP IT! THEY...THEY JUST KEEP JUMPING INTO ME!

I CAN'T SEE THE OTHERS! WHERE DID THEY GO?

I DON'T KNOW, EVERYTHING KEEPS SHIFTING...

CAN'T YOU...I DON'T KNOW, DO A SPELL OR SOMETHING?

I ONLY KNOW ONE SPELL! THEY WOULDN'T TEACH ME ANY MORE!

THAT'S DUMB. WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?

WE HAVE TO GET TO MAGIK. WHATEVER'S HAPPENING HERE, IT'S ABOUT HER. SHE'S THE MOST IMPORTANT THING, MORE THAN US.

SHE'S ALWAYS MORE IMPORTANT THAN US.

LET'S GO...

"...BEFORE SOMETHING ELSE FINDS US."

THERE...

HRRR... HRRR...

HKK HK...KILLL IT...

YOU HUNTING ME, DEMONS?

I DON'T THINK SO.

I'M HUNTING YOU.

REMY LEBEAU— AKA GAMBIT

AKA DEATH

THIS PLACE, IT PREYS ON THE WEAK. IT WANTS TO CORRUPT THEM. KILL THEM...

IT TESTS THEM.

SO THAT ONLY THE STRONG SURVIVE.

THIS PLACE, THIS IS WHERE I BELONG.

THIS PLACE, IT'S MINE NOW.

AND IT'S TIME TO HUNT.

VMMMMMM

CHAOS!

GET OFF OF ME!!

GET... OFF!!!

NYEARGH!!

AAAAAHH!! AAHH... HHNNN...

TEAR...RIP... FEED...TEAR THE LIGHT APART...

KILL--
HHK!

WHOOSH!

I DON'T THINK SO.

JEAN-PAUL...

...THANK GOD.

I'VE BEEN SCOURING THIS PLACE FOR HOURS...YOU'RE THE FIRST PERSON I'VE FOUND. THE TERRAIN HERE, IT MOVES...

HOURS? WE'VE ONLY BEEN HERE FOR TWENTY MINUTES.

EH? I DON'T THINK SO. DID YOU BLACK OUT?

AND IF YOU DIDN'T, YOU MAY WANT TO CONSIDER DOING IT NOW.

WHAT HAPPENED, JEAN-PAUL? HOW DID THIS GO TO HELL SO FAST?

MOST LIKELY BECAUSE OUR LITTLE TEAM HERE WAS BEING LED BY SAMUEL THE SLACK-JAWED YOKEL.

GET READY.

WAIT... SOMETHING'S HAPPENING. WHAT...

...WHAT ARE THEY DOING?

ISN'T IT OBVIOUS? THEY'RE MAKING WAY FOR SOMETHING EVEN MORE HORRIFIC TO COME AND KILL US.

...

REMY?

NOT ANY MORE, CHÈRE.

"I THINK I'M GONNA BARF."

FOR REAL, MEGAN...I THINK... I THINK I'M STARTING TO FADE OUT OR SOMETHING.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I BARF IN MY ASTRAL FORM? AND WOULD YOU PLEASE SLOW DOWN?!

I HATE THIS PLACE.

AND I HATE ILLYANA. I HATE HER.

I CAN FEEL HER OUT THERE, I CAN FEEL MY SOUL... SHE'S GOT IT. SHE STOLE IT...

DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHERE YOU'RE GOING?!

CAN YOU FOCUS HERE? WE HAVE TO FIND THE OTHERS...IT WAS LIKE THE GROUND JUST SWALLOWED THEM UP... MEGAN, VICTOR WAS WITH THEM...

THEN HE'S DEAD, GIRL...

...JUST LIKE YOU!

WAAAAA!!

AAAAHHH!

NNN...

I'VE SEEN YOU, LITTLE PIXIE. SAW YOU THE FIRST TIME YOU CAME HERE, SEEN YOU OLDER THAN YOU ARE NOW. TIME, IT DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING DOWN HERE.

BUT EVERY TIME YOU COME BACK, I LIKE YOU MORE AND MORE...EVERY TIME I SEE YOU, THAT SOUL OF YOURS HAS BEEN CHIPPED AWAY, BIT BY BIT. YOU'RE JUST LIKE HER. JUST LIKE MAGIK.

GET AWAY FROM HER!!

NYEAAAAAA!

SHRACK!

HCH... CH...CH...

I'M NOT LIKE HER. I'M NOTHING LIKE HER.

LOOK...LOOK AT YOU. YOU'RE A KILLER. JUST... LIKE...HER.

TAKE IT BACK!!

MEGAN!!

PIXIE.

A WORD, IF YOU WILL.

REMY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING? WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?

ALISON...WE NEED TO GO. RIGHT NOW.

BUT REMY--

THAT'S NOT GAMBIT. THAT IS SOMETHING ELSE ALTOGETHER.

YOU'RE RIGHT, MON AMI.

JE SUIS MORT...

OH, PLEASE. DEATH'S COME FOR ME?

YOU--

--CAN'T EVEN--

--TOUCH ME.

WASN'T AIMING FOR YOU.

ALISON...

HKK... HK...

ALISON, NO--

UHNN!

CRACK!

THUD!!

HN!!

I KNOW YOU. I KNOW WHAT YOU'VE SURVIVED. YOU'RE STRONG, NORTHSTAR.

THIS PLACE, THIS HELL...IT TESTS YOU. TRIES TO STEAL YOUR SOUL. BUT YOU AND THE SONGBIRD, BOTH... YOU'RE STRONG.

I WON'T LET LIMBO HAVE YOU. BECAUSE YOU'RE *MINE* NOW.

YOU'VE LOST YOUR MIND, LEBEAU...YOU'VE LOST--

NO. WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?

YOU'RE ABOUT TO FIND OUT.

SKREEE!!

...CANNOT... FREAKING BELIEVE... I AGREED TO THIS...

COME ON!!

HURK!!

THOOM!

RRRAAT!

CRACK!

SKREEE!!

UHNN!

NO!!

AAAAHHH

GOTCHA.

WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?!

I HAVEN'T SEEN ANYONE IN DAYS...

THAT'S LIMBO, PLAYING WITH US. WE JUST GOT SEPARATED TEN MINUTES AGO.

HAVE YOU FOUND PIXIE? TRANCE? ANYONE? YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE IN CHARGE HERE, SAM! YOU HAVE TO DO SOMETHING!

YOU'RE THE FIRST, YOU AIN'T THE LAST. WE'LL FIND THE OTHERS, WE'LL FIND ILLYANA, AND--

ZARK!

UHN!!

SAM!!

HT!!!

WHAT...WHAT WAS THAT? I DIDN'T THINK ANYTHING COULD HURT YOU WHEN YOU WERE FLYING...

CAN YOU FLY? BECAUSE FLYING OUT OF HERE RIGHT NOW WOULD BE GREAT.

I THINK WE'VE GOT BIGGER PROBLEMS RIGHT NOW.

THE OTHER THING IS, I QUIT. IF I LIVE THROUGH THIS, I'M GOING TO FIND THE YOUNG AVENGERS AND JOIN--

--WHAT THE HELL? SAM, WHAT--

I SEE IT. STAY BACK.

HELLO, SAMUEL. WE SHOULD TALK.

"GET IN. GET MAGIK. GET OUT."

RIGHT.

MEGAN... OH, GOD, MEGAN...

I KNOW YOU... YOU'RE ILLYANA'S DEMON...SHE HAD YOU ON A LEASH...YOU'RE ***N'ASTIRH.***

WE TOOK YOU DOWN BEFORE, DON'T THINK--

YOU MISUNDERSTAND. I AM NOT HERE TO FIGHT YOU, LITTLE PIXIE.

I AM HERE TO HELP YOU.

I WAS THERE WHEN RASPUTIN STOLE YOUR SOUL, MEGAN. BUT I CAN HELP YOU GET IT BACK.

I CAN GIVE YOU YOUR SOUL BACK.

DON'T LISTEN TO HIM, MEGAN, YOU CAN'T LISTEN TO HIM!

I MEAN, JUST LOOK AT HIM!! HE'S A DEMON! FROM HELL! THEY... THEY ***LIE!!*** ALL THE TIME!

...WHAT DO YOU WANT?

NOTHING OF CONSEQUENCE. IN EXCHANGE FOR THE STOLEN PIECE OF YOUR SOUL, ALL I REQUIRE IS MAGIK'S *SOULSWORD.*

WE HAVE TO GO, WE HAVE TO--

OH, NO. NO, MEGAN, IT'S HAPPENING...I'M FADING OUT! PLEASE, WE HAVE TO RUN!

WHAT...WHAT DO YOU WANT THE SOULSWORD FOR?

DOES IT MATTER?

SHUT UP! STOP TALKING TO HER!

JUST STAY AWAY!!

FWASH!!

NOOO--

XUTOPIA.

NO!!

OHMIGOD, OHMIGOD, OHMI--

--WHAT? WHERE AM I?

CESSILY! ALANI!!

TRANCE?!

WE HAVE TO FIND CYCLOPS. WE'RE IN BIG TROUBLE... PIXIE, SHE'S--SHE'S--WE HAVE TO GET BACK TO LIMBO!

WHAT?

TRANCE, WE CAN'T...THEY'RE COMING.

"WHO'S COMING?"

ALL I ASK IS THE SOULSWORD.

BUT YOU... YOU GET YOUR SOUL BACK. YOU GET TO BE FREE OF THIS PLACE AND ITS DARKNESS FOREVER.

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS KILL MAGIK.

TO BE CONCLUDED...